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THE PEOPLE TO DECIDE.

After all the agitation upon the question of state prohibition by legislative enactment at the special session of the General Assembly now in progress the position of this newspaper has been sustained. The whole matter has been gone over thoroughly by both the democratic and republican members in each house, with the result that a bill, prepared by the Anti-Saloon League, will be enacted into law to become effective when ratified by a vote of the people in an election to be held, for the purpose, on the 30th day of April 1908. In our opinion, this is a wise conclusion and a happy solution of a vexed question. It were better that prohibition should be obtained instead of being imposed. The action of the democratic caucus of each house in deciding to submit the question to a vote of the people was a complete surprise to the republicans who were preparing to play politics in the event of a decision adverse to the consideration of a prohibition measure at this session, or rather to enact no legislation other than the rate compromise outlined in the Governor's proclamation, calling the Legislature together.

On the day previous to the assembling of the Legislature there seemed to be a decided sentiment favorable to accepting the terms tentatively agreed upon between Governor Glenn and the railroads, relative to the passenger rate controversy upon the accomplishment of this purpose to adjourn and pass no other laws. The temperance forces from almost every section of the state assembled in Raleigh on the day the Legislature met and held a great meeting in which resolutions were adopted urging the Legislature to pass a strong measure prohibiting the manufacture and sale of intoxicating liquors in the state. And Governor Glenn in his message, which appeared in this paper last week, took a strong position in endorsement of the action taken by the anti-saloon league in its meeting on the day previous, which had the effect of convincing many of the members that some action must be taken at this session.

Seeing the dilemma into which the democrats would place themselves, in the event the decision was reached to take up no matters except the rate question, the republicans agreed among themselves to make a grand-stand play by introducing a prohibition bill for the state and giving the same their united endorsement. It is easy to imagine their chagrin and utter disappointment when the announcement came from the democratic caucus Tuesday night that a bill would be passed in accordance with the wishes of the temperance leaders in the Legislature to be ratified by a vote of the people. This put an end to the little political game planned by the radical members and the scheme has not since been discussed. The bill was prepared by Hon. Herriot Clarkson, president of the State Anti-Saloon League, who was assisted by other temperance leaders and passed the Senate without a dissenting vote, every republican in that body voting in the affirmative.

It will be remembered that we took the position two weeks ago that the question of state prohibition had no logical standing in a special session of the Legislature, called for a specific purpose, and that in the regular session last winter it did not consider it, while proving that it favored temperance. We still believe it would have been a mistake to pass a prohibitory law at this time when the principle of temperance is steadily gaining ground. As the matter now stands the people will have an opportunity to express their wishes in the matter and we confidently believe that the state will be carried for prohibition by an overwhelming majority. In the approaching contest, the success of which means so much for the moral uplift of the state, this newspaper shall exert every influence in favor of prohibition, as it has always done in similar campaigns in local contests on this question. The bill upon which the people are to express their opinion contains provisions very similar to the Watts and Ward laws, hence it will not be a difficult matter to understand the proposition upon which they are to pass and it behooves every friend of temperance in the state to do all in his power to assist in obtaining a decisive majority. It is fortunate that the question of politics, has been eliminated, which will enable democrats and republicans alike to stand shoulder to shoulder in the effort to rid North Carolina of the greatest curse which ever afflicted any class or condition of men. Let us endeavor to make it unanimous for this bill in Henderson county and show to the people of this good state that we are on the side of morality and progress. "To your tents O Israel."

THE RATE COMPROMISE

The News and Observer very pertinently remarks: "The three strongest reasons that will operate to get votes for the adjustment of the railroad rates recommended by the Governor are, first, Standing Master Montgomery; second, Circuit Justice Pritchard; third, the Republican, High Tariff panic."

It is generally believed, in fact the Governor has so stated in substance, that these are the only reasons which prompted him in convening the General Assembly in extraordinary session at this time. He has never conceded the claim of the railroads that the rate was confiscatory, but the state having been deprived of the right to examine the books of the railroads far enough back to show their contention about the misappropriation of railroad funds, or rather the improper expenditure of money for purposes other than improving their lines and increasing their facilities. The state has contended all along that it is improper for railroads to interfere in politics, or maintain newspapers and the purpose of investigating their books was to adduce evidence in substantiation of this contention. Having been deprived of this privilege by a ruling of Standing Master Montgomery, who was sustained by Circuit Judge Pritchard, the state was placed at great disadvantage and feared an unfavorable result from the reported findings of the Standing Master of an incomplete investigation. Thus it will be seen, that Governor Glenn pursued the proper course in calling the Legislature together when an advantageous agreement had been reached between the state and the railroads growing out of an offer proposed by the latter.

While, at this writing, the rate bill has not been enacted into law, the indications are that the recommendations of the Governor will be accepted and the

matter adjusted in accordance therewith. It is believed by many of the best informed members of the General Assembly that the basis of agreement outlined by the Governor in his message is the best solution of the question. This provides that the railroads may charge two and a half cents per mile for a single ticket and that they will stand by the agreement to reduce interstate rates from three to two and a half cents and sell mileage books at two and two and a quarter cents, as heretofore suggested. There is some objection to the proposition to refer the matter of passenger rates to the Corporation Commission at the end of twelve months in the event either party to the controversy should conclude that the settlement of the matter had worked a hardship upon either. There seems to be a well defined sentiment favorable to the idea of giving relief to short independent lines and the indications now are that they will be allowed to charge three cents per mile.

The House Committee on Public Service Corporations made a lengthy report upon the rate controversy on Saturday in which the strong claim was presented that the present law was based upon the reported earnings of the railroads themselves and with no idea of imposing a hardship upon them. In this report the committee contends that the Legislature of 1907 was wise in its action in rate reduction and that the two and a quarter cent rate is not confiscatory. The Senate Committee agreed upon a bill that substantially carries out the Governor's recommendation, although there are differences of opinion regarding some of the provisions and it seems a difficult matter to draft a measure that meets the approval of every member. However, this Legislature may be depended upon to consider the problem thoroughly and carefully and when its work shall have been finished we confidently believe that the same will meet the approval of the people of the state. All the members appear to want to do the right thing and there is little doubt that the matters in controversy will be amicably adjusted within the next few days.

Some newspapers and individuals feign objection to the acceptance of that \$17,500 the railroads agreed to pay towards the expense incurred, by the state, in the railroad rate litigation, in the event Governor Glenn would call the General Assembly together for the purpose of adjusting the matters in controversy. The idea which first gained credence was to the effect that this money would go into the state treasury to pay the expense of the Legislature. This, the Governor states, is incorrect and we can see no valid reason for declining to accept it. It is said that the cost and attorney's fees in the case will exceed the amount suggested and if the railroads have offered to "clip in" and help pay it, we are heartily in favor of letting them do it. Nothing wrong about that.

Attorney General Gilmer will not stand for re-election and the friends of his competent and deserving assistant, Mr. Hayden Clement, will urge the democratic state convention to nominate him for this position. Mr. Clement has shown himself to be worthy, in every way, to discharge the duties of this position and will doubtless have a strong following in the convention. He is one of the most deserving young democrats in the state.

The Raleigh correspondent of the Charlotte Observer says that a large majority of the members of the Legislature have declared themselves in favor of Hon. Locke Craig for governor. Also that the Buncombe statesman is far in the lead. If this be true, we may just as well get ready to address him as "Governor Craig."

Good Roads.

EDITOR HUSTLER: It is generally admitted that good roads are essential to the prosperity of any farming community.

This is especially true of Henderson county which depends upon its farming industry and upon its tourist business for its support.

Good roads increase the value of the farmers labor.

With good roads he can haul larger loads, quicker, easier, and at less expense. Wet or dry weather then makes no difference to him.

You can expect no great winter tourist business here until you have good roads. This is one of the first considerations for a successful resort.

You have abundant material for making good roads. If the county and city authorities would co-operate in this important matter, get a stone crusher, and macadamize the leading roads out of your town, you would do much to increase its popularity as a resort and make a better market for the farmer's produce.

The chaingang, whose labor is now largely wasted, could then be profitably employed.

It were better to have even one mile of GOOD road, than to have the labor of the chaingang scattered, as it seems to me it is at present.

The roads at the present time are good, it is true, but they have been in a disgraceful condition.

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No. 10 for Spartanburg	5:40 p. m.
No. 7 for Asheville	10:15 a. m.
No. 9 for Asheville	1:25 p. m.
No. 13 for Asheville	7:45 p. m.



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Legal Notices.

State of North Carolina, Henderson County. The undersigned having taken out letters of administration on the estate of G. F. Sitton, dec'd, all persons having claims against the estate of the said G. F. Sitton, deceased are hereby notified to present them, to the undersigned Administrator on or before the 15th day of November 1908, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery, and all persons indebted to the estate will please make prompt payment.

This 9th day of November, 1907.
D. E. HOLDEN, Administrator

Administrators Notice.

Having qualified as administrator of the estate of Mary A. Jones, deceased, late of Henderson county, North Carolina, this is to notify all persons having claims against the said deceased to exhibit them to the undersigned on or before the 1st day of January, 1908, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons indebted to said estate will please make immediate payment.

This January 1st, 1908.
MRS. ADA E. CORPENING, Adm.

Notice of Sale of Land under Mortgage.

By virtue of the power contained in a mortgage deed executed to me by William Murray and wife, Maggie Murray on the 31st day of August, 1906, securing certain indebtedness therein mentioned, I will sell at the court house door in Hendersonville at public outcry within the legal hours of sale on the 24th day of February, 1907 to the highest bidder for cash in order to satisfy said indebtedness and costs of sale the following described piece or parcel of land lying and being in the township of Hendersonville, County of Henderson, and State of North Carolina and known and designated as follows:

A certain piece or parcel of land lying on the waters of Shaw's Creek, adjoining J. E. Dalton and others.

Beginning on a popular on the South side of the Brevard Railroad and runs S. 60 deg. E. with the railroad 100 poles to a dirt road, J. E. Dalton's line; thence S. 14 deg. W. with Dalton's line 150 poles to a stake and pointers; thence N. 60 deg. W. 100 poles to a stone corner on the west side of a branch; thence N. 14 deg. E. 40 poles to the beginning. Containing 3 acres more or less.

Said William Murray having failed to pay part of said debt when due and the interest due after demand, the entire debt is declared due under the provisions of said mortgage and sale of said land will be made in order to the payment thereof.

This 25th day of January 1908.
RICHARD ALLISON Mortgagee
Per McD. RAY Attorney

Notice.

All persons owing the estate of the late, C. P. Lanning, will come to me and make settlement at once. Any person having claims against said estate are required to present them by the 15th day of Jan. 1908, or this notice will be filed against you.

This 15th day of Jan. 1908
FRANK SMITH Administrator

Notice of Land Sale under Mortgage.

By virtue of the power given me in a mortgage deed executed by T. P. Carlisle on January 14th 1907, to secure certain indebtedness therein specified, I will sell at public auction at the Court House door in Hendersonville, N. C., on February 17th, 1908, to the highest bidder for cash in order to satisfy said indebtedness the following pieces or parcels of land lying and being in Hendersonville township, Henderson county, North Carolina and known and designated as follows, viz:

Lying on the A. & S. Railroad, being part of the Cummings place, three lots all in one body, lots No. 1, 2 & 3 as described in a plat on record in the office of the register of deeds for Henderson County, in Book No. 30 page 2, and described as follows.

Lot No. 1—Beginning at a stake in the old original line, Southwest corner of the Johnson tract and runs S. 86 deg. E. 200 poles to a stake in the said Johnson line in the margin of the Hadley street; thence N. 84 deg. W. 20 poles to a stake; thence N. 84 deg. W. 20 poles and 6 links to the stake in the old original line; thence with that line 3 deg. E. 20 poles to the beginning. Containing 3 acres and 90 poles.

Lot No. 2—Beginning at a stake, the S. W. corner of lot No. 1 and runs S. 86 deg. E. with the line of lot No. 1. 20 poles and 6 links to a stake in the margin of Hadley street; thence South with Hadley street 20 poles to a stake at the intersection of Hadley street and depot street; thence N. 84 deg. W. 30 poles and 4 links to a stake in the old original line; thence N. 3 deg. E. 20 poles to the beginning. Containing 3 acres and 110 poles.

Lot No. 3—Beginning at a stake in the old original line 50 feet from the S. W. corner of lot No. 2, and runs S. 86 deg. E. 30 poles and 12 links with the west end margin of Depot street to a stake at the intersection of Depot and Hadley streets; thence South with Hadley street 30 poles to a stake, corner of Lot No. 4; thence S. 50 W. 10 poles with line of lot No. 4 to the S. E. E. E.; thence with said R. R. N. 39 W. 374 poles to a stake in the old original line; thence with said line N. 3 deg. E. 134 poles to the beginning. Containing 5 acres and 128 poles.

Default having been made in the payment of the debt secured by said mortgage when due, this sale will be made under the provisions of the said mortgage in order to the payment of said debt, interest, and expense of sale.

This 15th day of January 1908.
G. O. JOHNSON Mortgagee
Per McD. RAY Attorney

NOTICE.

Having qualified as Administrator of the estate of W. P. Corpening, deceased, late of Henderson County, North Carolina, this is to notify all persons having claims against the said deceased, to present them to the undersigned on or before the 20th day of January, 1908, or this notice will be plead in bar of their recovery. All persons indebted to said estate will please make prompt payment.

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